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MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

LT GEN MANOR SENDS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, RP
SUBJECT: US/RP MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS (U)

1. US/RP SENIOR MILITARY REPS MET IN PLENARY SESSION
FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES THIS
MORNING AT CAMP AGUINALDO. SUBIC BAY WATERS AND SUBIC
WATERSHED WERE DISCUSSED. NO PAPERS WERE RECEIVED OR
PRESENTED. CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE CONTINUED.

2. GEN ESPINO OPENED THE MEETING BY NOTING THAT HIS
SIDE HAD REVIEWED THE SUBIC BAY WATERS ISSUE VERY CARE-
FULLY. HE NOTED IT WAS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE WITH
THEIR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND HE HAD BEEN VERY HAPPY
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THAT WE HAD AT ONE POINT APPEARED TO HAVE REACHED A
SOLUTION (RESERVED FOR MILITARY USE) WHICH WAS SATIS-
FACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES. HE STATED THAT HE, PERSONALLY,
HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE U.S. PANEL WORKING PAPER OF
7 AUGUST (RESERVED FOR U.S. FORCES USE) BUT DID NOT BE-
LIEVE IT WOULD PASS REVIEW BY PHIL CIVIL OFFICIALS.
HE DESCRIBED THEIR 4 AUGUST WORKING PAPER AS ESTABLISHING

THE WATERS RESERVED FOR MILITARY USE AS THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF INCLUDING THEM WITHIN THE U.S. FACILITY. HE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO FOLLOW THE CROW VALLEY FORMULA FOR SUBIC BAY WATERS.

3. WE NOTED THAT EXCLUSION OF THOSE WATERS FROM THE U.S. FACILITY DID NOT PRESERVE ALL MBA RIGHTS THERE AND CONTRASTED THE FREQUENT OPERATIONAL USE BY THE PAF OF THE CROW VALLEY RANGE WITH THE OCCASIONAL NON-OPERATIONAL PN USE OF SUBIC BAY WATERS. WE THEN INQUIRED WHAT THE PHIL POSITION WAS ON LIMITING THE AGREED PROCEDURES TO THE WATERS OUTSIDE OF THE WATERS RESERVED FOR U.S. FORCES/MILITARY USE. GEN ESPINO STATED HE FAVORED APPLYING THE AGREED PROCEDURES TO ALL SUBIC WATER AREAS. HE THEN STATED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM AND WOULD HAVE A NEW PAPER READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

4. WE THEN TURNED OUR ATTENTION TO THE SUBIC WATERSHED. GEN ESPINO WAS ADVISED BY HIS PANEL OF THE ISSUES NOT YET RESOLVED. WITH RESPECT TO DESCRIBING THE DEPICTED WATERSHED AS "PRIMARILY" FOR THE WATER NEEDS OF THE BASE, HE CONCURRED IN THE DELETION OF "PRIMARILY". HE ALSO STATED HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO U.S. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERIOR SECURITY OF THE DEPICTED WATERSHED ONCE GEN MANOR HAD NOTED THE U.S. HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
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INTERIOR SECURITY OF THE CROW VALLEY RANGE. COL. GACIS THEN MENTIONED THE PROBLEM POSED IF THE BC AND USC HAD TO WORK OUT ALL OF THE DETAILS CONCERNING SELECTIVE TIMBER HARVESTING, OBSERVING THAT U.S. USE OF THE TIMBER BY-PRODUCTS WOULD BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE, SUGGESTING IT BE INCLUDED IN OUR PRESENT DISCUSSIONS, AND IMPLYING THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. WE AGREED THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. RADM HARDISTY NOTED THAT WE CERTAINLY DO NOT MAKE A PROFIT OUT OF THE OVERALL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. BGEN BOCANEGRA THEN REMINDED GEN ESPINO THAT THE U.S. PANEL WORKING PAPER OF 7 AUGUST AUTHORIZED THE USC TO SCHEDULE TROOP TRAINING IN THE JAD-JAD AS WELL AS THE DEPICTED WATERSHED AREA AND OPINED THAT THE BC SHOULD DO THE SCHEDULING IN THE JAD-JAD AREA. GEN ESPINO SUPPORTED HIM AND APPEARED TO CONCUR WITH THE USC SCHEDULING TRAINING IN THE DEPICTED WATERSHED AREA.

5. GEN ESPINO THEN ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH INFORMATION AS TO THE ACTUAL ACREAGE OF THE ZAMBALES PENINSULAR TRAINING AREAS WHICH WE PROPOSED TO BE

INCLUDED WITHIN THE BASE. WE AGREED TO DO SO AT THE NEXT MEETING, AND PROVIDED HIM WITH THE 1965 MENDEZ-BLAIR EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE SUBJECT. HE NOTED THAT INCLUDING THOSE AREAS WAS CONTRARY TO THE GOP OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE BASES. WE NOTED THAT SUCH WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE U.S. FACILITY AND PROVIDED A CHART WHICH DEMONSTRATED

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EXISTING BASE ACREAGE AND THE PROPOSED U.S. FACILITY ACREAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED FROM THE U.S. POSITIONS CONTAINED IN OUR 13 FEB AIDE MEMOIRE.

6. FINALLY, GEN ESPINO STATED THAT THEY WOULD PRESENT NEW RP PAPERS ON SUBIC BAY WATERS AND SUBIC WATERSHED AT THE NEXT MEETING. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, AND FRIDAY, 18 AUGUST. MURPHY

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